

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claims 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 as being in improper form for multiple dependent claims. Each of the claims have been amended and to remove the multiple dependencies.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Claims 7 has been amended and accordingly it is believed the Examiners rejection is overcome.

Claim 1 has been amended and now requires that a plurality of switching chambers have a cast surround composed of a first encapsulation compound, and then encapsulating the plurality of switching chambers together with connections into a block composed of at least one second encapsulation compound to create a direct encapsulation of components and wherein a mixture of balls with a predetermined distribution of diameters of size D_x is introduced into the first or the second encapsulation compound. Nonken does not disclose molding a plurality of switching chambers with a first encapsulation compound and then molding the encapsulated switching chambers together to form a block. Specifically, Fig. 3 of Nonken does not disclose a resilient material 13 (i.e. a first encapsulation compound) surrounding the plurality of switching chambers. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 1 is distinct from the cited prior art.

It is therefore believed that claims 1, 2, 4, 6-16 are in condition for allowance. If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 050877.

Respectfully submitted,

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